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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Current Intelligence

SUBJECT: Congressional Briefing Service

1. As I mentioned on the telephone the other day, I would welcome the establishment of a full-time Congressional Support Officer position, even if our committees do not accept our offer of weekly substantive briefings.

2. I have made a couple of suggested changes in your memorandum as noted on the marked copy attached. I would only add by way of comment to paragraph six that the regular briefing program could become so popular that it develops problems. I am thinking specifically of possible White House and State Department reaction to a massive CIA briefing program on Capitol Hill. The fact is that members of Congress are not receiving this kind of information from other sources and I think they will clamor to get it if the word gets out. However, if problems do develop, we will just have to resolve them as we go along. I don't think we can solve them this far in advance.

25X1A 3. From our standpoint [] is an excellent choice for this Congressional Support Officer position. As you know, we have worked very closely with him in the past and he has been most helpful. We will arrange the scheduling of the briefings and will have an OLC member present for follow-ups and other items that may come up. This will leave [] free to concentrate on substance.

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Legislative Counsel

Attachment

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1. Off Legislative Counsel

Mr. John Maury *7D43*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Current Intelligence

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1. The plan you have proposed for regular Congressional briefings seems well founded to us. We shall be happy to cooperate in any way possible.

2. In respect to the latter, may I suggest that there are certain substantive areas of a technical nature that do not lend themselves to routine weekly briefings, but which nevertheless might be worthy of a Congressional briefing as the intelligence becomes available. The areas I am thinking of would include, for example, significant developments in strategic weapons systems, nuclear energy, and the VIP health program. In such cases we could provide briefing materials as desired and, particularly on the more technical subjects, would be prepared to provide "the Agency's most articulate specialist on the subject" as is proposed in the case of political topics.

3. Again, the plan looks good to us. We do suggest for your consideration, however, that it be written so as to accommodate ad hoc types of subjects as described above.

Carl E. Duckett
Deputy Director
for
Science and Technology

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REMARKS:		
<p>We are finally getting around to solidifying the Congressional briefing scheme which the DCI suggested. Please give me any comments, changes, or whatever by 28 December.</p>		
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